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To the Chairman and Councillors of the

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HIGHWORTH

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1951 on the state of the public health of the District together with the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector and Housing Officer.

Apart from an outbreak of Measles, fortunately of a mild nature and in keeping with the increased incidence throughout the country, the District remained free from serious epidemics and the high standard of health was generally maintained. Details of infectious diseases notified will be found in the body of the Report, and it is of interest to record that no case of Diphtheria, and only one case of Poliomyelitis (in a member of Her Majesty's Forces) occurred.

The Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector and Housing Officer gives a valuable summary of a large amount of work carried out in a most efficient manner. In particular, mention should be made of the excellent progress in connection with Housing Schemes whereby this Council continues in the forefront of such work.

In conclusion, I wish to record my appreciation and thanks for the wholehearted co-operation and assistance from my staff, and also from other departments of your Council.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. McELROY.

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1952.

Highworth Rural District Council

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. R. S. McELROY, B.A., M.B., B.CH., B.A.O., D.P.H., D.T.M., who is also Medical Officer of Health to the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural District Council. Assistant County Medical Officer, and Assistant School Medical Officer for the Wiltshire County Council.

Senior Sanitary Inspector and Housing Officer

A. G. UNDERWOOD, CERT. S.I.B., M.S.I.A., MEAT AND FOOD CERT., CERT. NAT. INST. BUILDERS.

Additional Sanitary Inspector

F. R. G. SELWOOD, CERT. R.S.I., M.S.I.A., MEAT AND FOOD CERT.

Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector

H. S. CARTWRIGHT, CERT. S.I.J.B., M.S.I.A., MEAT AND FOOD CERT. A.R.S.I.

Assistant Housing Officer

L. ROWLAND, A.R.I.P.H.H.

Unqualified Assistant to the Sanitary Inspector and Rodent Operator

D. F. WALKER.

Clerical Staff

Miss S. E. NEWMAN—Shorthand Typist.

Miss E. M. POCOCK—appointed in conjunction with the Wilts County Council, and the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural District Council.

Changes in Staff.

During the year Dr. D. M. Martyn-Jones, the Council's Medical Officer of Health, resigned his appointment to take up the duties of Medical Officer of Health for the Isle of Man, and the appointment of Medical Officer to the Council was filled by Dr. R. S. McElroy.

Also during the year Mr. D. L. Walker, the Council's Assistant Housing Officer, left the Council to take up another appointment, and his place was filled by the upgrading of Mr. L. Rowland, who became Assistant Housing Officer. Mr. Rowland's place as Unqualified Assistant to the Sanitary Inspector was filled by Mr. D. F. Walker.

Offices.

The Public Health Offices are situated within the main Council Offices, at No. 19 Bath Road, Swindon.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District (acres)	...	...	...	48,491
Number of Parishes	...	...	...	14
Estimated Population (including Service Personnel)	...	...	...	21,244
Number of Inhabited Houses (approx.)	...	...	...	5,931
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£106,937
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£438
Number of new houses erected in 1951	...	...	...	106
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	7
By Local Authority	...	...	...	99
Number of domestic dwellings connected to main water supply in H.R.D.C. Water Undertaking Area	...	...	...	118
Number of domestic dwellings connected to main water supply in the Swindon Borough Water Undertaking Area	...	...	...	80

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Births				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	152	162	314
Illegitimate	...	...	...	8	11	19
Total number of live births ...				160	173	333

Birth Rate for the District	...	...	15.6
Comparative figure for England and Wales		...	15.5
Comparability Factor for the District	...	...	1.06

Still Births.

Births				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	2	7
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total number of Still Births ...				5	2	7

Deaths.

Total number of deaths in the Area	...	...	208
Local Death rate	...	...	9.7
Comparative figure for England and Wales		...	12.5
Comparability factor for the District	...	...	1.05

Infant Mortality.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age.

Deaths				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	3	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	—	1
Total number of deaths ...				3	3	6

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.

Deaths				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	—	1
Total number of deaths ...				2	2	4

Infant Mortality Rate i.e.

Number of Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per			
1,000 live births	...	...	34.6
Comparative figure for England and Wales		...	29.6

Causes of Deaths.

				Male	Female
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	...	...	6	—
Tuberculosis (other)	...	...	...	—	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasms; stomach	...	...	...	2	—
lung, bronchus	...	...	...	9	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	11	11
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	9	12
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	11	8
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	2	2
Other heart disease	...	...	...	25	18
Influenza	...	...	...	2	2
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	3	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	10	7
Bronchitis	...	...	...	6	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	1	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	3	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	15
Motor vehicle accidents	2	—
All other accidents	2	2
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TOTAL, all causes	122	86

Deaths from Cancer.

Age	Site				Total
	Lungs	Stomach	Breast	Other	
40-50 yrs.	—	—	—	1	1
51-60 yrs.	—	—	—	4	4
61-70 yrs.	—	—	—	6	6
71-80 yrs.	—	—	—	3	3
81-90 yrs.	—	—	—	3	3
TOTAL	—	—	—	17	17

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

Laboratory Facilities.

The Swindon Area Pathological Laboratory of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board caters for the needs of the District in a very efficient manner.

Hospital Facilities.

These are the responsibility of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

The Main general hospitals are situated at Stratton St. Margaret and Swindon, which also provides accommodation for Maternity cases in a separate institution.

Infectious diseases are admitted to the Area Isolation Hospital, Swindon while the nearest Smallpox Hospital is located at Reading. Cases under the National Assistance Act, 1948 are admitted to Elm Court, Stratton St. Margaret.

Other Facilities.

The arrangements for the following health services operating in the District are made by the County Health Committee:—

Care of expectant and nursing mothers, and young children;

Domiciliary Midwifery;

Health Visiting;

Home Nursing;

Arrangements for vaccination and immunization;

Ambulances and ambulance cars;

Domestic helps;

Arrangements under Part III of the National Health Service Act, for the prevention of illness; care and after care; and health education.

Mental Health Service.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the incidence of infectious diseases during 1951 as compared with 1949 and 1950.

Disease	1949	1950	1951
Scarlet Fever	12	10	30
Whooping Cough	20	84	67
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Measles	262	31	375
Acute Pneumonia	7	10	21
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	7	1
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—
Dysentery	4	16	25
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	3
Small pox	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	1	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	3
Erysipelas	3	3	3
Malaria	—	1	—
TOTAL	314	164	528

ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS

The distribution of cases in age groups and Parishes is shown in the following 2 tables.

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-5 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	15-25 yrs.	25-45 yrs	45-65 yrs.	Over 65	Unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	9	18	2	1	—	—	—	30
Whooping Cough	8	39	20	—	—	—	—	—	67
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	14	167	178	10	3	—	—	3	375
Pneumonia	1	1	3	1	4	8	3	—	21
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Dysentery	—	10	2	3	6	2	2	—	25
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	23	226	223	18	16	12	7	4	528

DISTRIBUTION IN PARISHES

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Measles	Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Paratyphoid Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Typhoid Fever	Food Poisoning	Erysipelas	Malaria	Total
Highworth	4	1	—	21	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	33
Stratton	8	27	—	167	7	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	214
Chiseldon	4	6	—	6	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	19
Haydon Wick	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
South Marston	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Wroughton	8	12	—	21	9	1	19	—	2	—	—	—	—	72
Liddington	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Bishopstone	1	6	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39
Blunsdon	—	1	—	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82
Castle Eaton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hannington	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inglesham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanton Fitzwarren	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Wanborough	1	13	—	25	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
TOTAL	30	64	—	375	21	1	25	—	3	—	3	3	—	528

These figures do not represent the total number of cases of infectious diseases that have occurred, but those which were notified to the Local Authority in accordance with the Public Health Act, 1936. I am pleased to report increasing co-operation in the notification of infectious diseases. It is not generally understood, however, that the head of the family to which the patient belongs—or the nearest relative—has a duty under the Act to notify the occurrence of infectious disease to the Medical Officer of Health, this matter usually being left to the General Practitioner who sees the case.

Scarlet Fever.

A marked increase in the number of cases, but, on the whole, the disease was of a mild nature.

Whooping Cough.

A decrease was recorded.

Diphtheria.

No cases were notified. Details of immunisation are given elsewhere.

Acute Poliomyelitis.

Only one case was recorded, this was in a female member of the Royal Air Force stationed at Wroughton Hospital.

Dysentery.

The increased number of cases recorded was mainly of the Sonne type.

Small-pox.

No cases were notified.

Paratyphoid Fever and Enteric Typhoid Fever.

No cases occurred.

Food Poisoning.

Only three cases were notified and the caustitive agent in all three was Salmonella Typhi Murium.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases

Year				No. of cases
1951	...	...	...	29
1950	...	...	...	22
1949	...	...	...	36
1948	...	...	...	16

Distribution of new cases and deaths according to age and sex is as follows:—

Age	New cases	Male Deaths	New cases	Female Deaths	Total	
	Male		Female		New cases	Deaths
Under 1 yr. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5 yrs. ...	3	—	—	—	3	—
5-15 yrs. ...	3	—	1	—	4	—
15-25 yrs ...	4	1	4	—	8	1
25-35 yrs ...	3	—	2	1	5	1
35-45 yrs. ...	3	2	1	—	4	2
45-55 yrs. ...	2	1	—	—	2	1
55-65 yrs. ...	1	—	—	—	1	—
65 over ...	2	—	—	—	2	—
Unknown age	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	21	4	8	1	29	5

Housing of Tuberculosis Patients.

During the year two cases were referred by the Chest Physician for consideration for re-housing and two were re-housed. These cases are classified as follows:—

Certificate No. 1. Sputum-positive cases where re-housing is considered urgent for the prevention of infection.

Certificate No. 2. Where better housing would be desirable in order to improve and maintain the patient's health.

Certificate No. 3. Where improved housing would be beneficial but is not an urgent matter.

The following is a summary of the cases dealt with during the year.

Type of Case				No. cases referred	No. cases rehoused
Certificate No. 1	...	...	...	—	2
Certificate No. 2	...	...	...	2	2
Certificate No. 3	...	...	...	—	—
TOTAL	...	...	...	2	4

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

This is carried out by General Practitioners and County Council Medical Officers in homes, nurseries, welfare centres and schools, and the following table gives details of the number of children (in two age groups) immunized during the year.

The percentage of children protected in the 0—4 years (inclusive) group increased from 33 to 42 compared with the previous year, while the percentage protected in the 5—14 years groups remains at 90. In keeping with the figures throughout England and Wales the percentage of younger children immunized remains at a low level and is a cause of anxiety calling for intensification of efforts to overcome the unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Number of children up to 5 years of age who completed a full course of immunization during 1951	...	...	323
Number of children between 5—14 years	...	...	89
Re-inforcing injections administered	...	...	539
Total immunized child population at 31st December, 1952:			

Under 1	1	2	3	4	5—9	10—14	Total under 15
11	145	178	199	242	1447	1253	3475

VACCINATION

Despite constant advice to parents and relatives at Infant Welfare Centres and elsewhere the number of children vaccinated remains at an unsatisfactory level. However, the figure of 40% of corrected live births protected is a marked increase on that of 12% for the preceding year. Nevertheless, the recent outbreaks in this country should help to dispel the sense of false security now only too prevalent.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 Section 47. Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention.

During the year several cases were investigated and dealt with, but it gives me pleasure to report that it was not found necessary to obtain a Court Order for the removal of any persons against their will from their homes.

REPORT OF THE
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR AND
HOUSING OFFICER

To: The Chairman and Members of the

HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you, my Annual Report on the work carried out by my Department during the year 1951.

The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 42/51.

During the year Dr. D. M. Martyn-Jones, the Medical Officer of Health with and from whom I and my Staff had cordial relationships and valuable assistance, resigned his appointment to take up duties as Medical Officer of Health for the Isle of Man. It was indeed a pleasure to have the guidance and help of Dr. Martyn-Jones, who was so ready at all times to give any assistance he could. We shall feel keenly his loss, but have the assurance of knowing that his place has been taken by Dr. R. S. McElroy, whom I feel sure will give us the same help and assistance.

I would like also to express my thanks to the Chairman of the Council, the Public Health, Housing and Town Planning Committees, and all Members of the Council and other Officials for their kindness and assistance in our work during the year 1951.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. UNDERWOOD.

Senior Sanitary Inspector
and Housing Officer.

SECTION ONE.

HOUSING

Rural Housing Survey.

Due to other urgent work carried out by my Department, and the new law, very little progress was made with the inspections under this heading, which was required to complete the Rural Housing Survey for the District. Approximately three-quarters of the District has been covered, and it is hoped, as soon as possible, that the work can recommence and proceed smoothly.

Action under the Housing Act. 1936.

A very real and urgent need to keep all available houses in the District restricts the use of this Act. However, during the year five Demolition Orders were made, but many houses in the District are substandard, and unfit for human habitation, and action should and would be taken if houses were available. An effort is being made to keep other dwellings in use where the owners will co-operate in having works carried out and rendering them fit.

Housing Statistics for 1951.

No. of New houses and flats erected during the year.

By the Local Authority	...	...	...	99
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	7

Inspection of Dwellings during the year.

Inspected for housing defects under Housing Acts	60
Inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts.	86
No. of dwellings found so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	5
No. of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	146

Remedy of defects by Informal Action.

No. of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action	143
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Action under Statutory Powers, (Public Health and Housing Acts.)

Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Acts 1936

No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	Nil.
No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices,			
By owners	...	...	Nil.
By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	Nil.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

No. of dwellings in respect of which formal notices were served	...	...	...	...	3
No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices					
By owners	...	...	...	...	3
By Local Authority in default of owners	...				Nil.

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 Housing Act 1936

No. of Demolition Orders made	...	...			5
No. of houses demolished as result of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	5
No. of undertakings accepted	...	...	...		Nil.
No. of undertakings completed	...	...	...		Nil.

Proceedings under Section 25 and 26 of Housing Act 1936

No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	Nil.
No. of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Proceedings under Section 12 Housing Act 1936

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders made	...				Nil.
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were cancelled, as result of premises having been made fit	...				Nil.

Housing Act 1936. Part iv. Overcrowding.

No. of cases of overcrowded dwellings at end of year					2
No. of cases discovered during year	...	...			2
No. of cases abated during year	...	...			3

Overcrowding.

As the Housing Officer, in addition to being the Senior Sanitary Inspector, it is always possible to keep in touch with any overcrowding which takes place, and to gain the necessary assistance from the Council in re-housing overcrowding families where this is considered to be necessary and essential.

The degree of overcrowding in this District, although it causes consternation when it occurs, is not acute, as each year an effort is being made by the Housing Committee to deal with each case as it occurs.

The problem now arises of assisting young couples with babies, who though not cases of overcrowding, create domestic problems, and these cases receive every consideration.

Substandard Accommodation—Squatters Camps.

During 1951 only one camp sited at Burderop, Wroughton, was being used, and 44 huts were being occupied.

During 1951 the Council agreed that, due to an allocation of houses from the Ministry, they would rehouse all those families as soon as the houses have been erected. Therefore, it is hoped that in late 1952 this Camp will also have gone out of existence as housing accommodation, and I think the Local Authority are to be congratulated in rehousing so many squatters during the short period together with the normal housing applications.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Total number of houses owned by H.R.D.C.	...	1,327
Pre-war houses	...	509
War-time houses, bungalows, etc.	...	423
Post-war houses	...	395
Total applications	...	475
Number of Old Age Bungalow applications	...	25
Family units involved	...	1569
Per cent. of population	...	7.77%

Accommodation now used.

Huts	...	36
Rooms	...	191
Houses	...	226
Flats	...	14
Caravans	...	8

No. of Serious Illness of Disease Cases.

Tuberculosis	...	4
Disability pension	...	5
Heart disease, etc.	...	3
Arthritis	...	5
Lungs and asthma	...	3
No. of Ex-service cases	...	318
Persons not living in Parish for which they applied	...	152

HOUSING APPLICATIONS STATISTICS

Years in which Applications were Received.											
	1941	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	
Number of Applicants	1	3	4	16	30	34	39	80	109	159	
Size of Family Details.											
	Single	Man & Wife	&1C	&2C	&3C	&4C	&5C	&6C	&7C	&8C	
Number of Applicants	8	130	156	113	49	8	5	2	3	1	
Wage Groups.											
	£4	£4 10	£5	£5 10	£6 10	£7	£7 10	£8	£8 10	Over	
Number of Applicants	13	12	37	170	81	66	37	22	37		
Rent Groups.											
	5/-	6/-	8/-	10/-	12/-	15/-	17/-	18/-	£1	Over £1	
Number of Applicants	41	71	32	75	56	56	6	4	65	69	
Age Groups in Terms of Years.											
	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	Over	
Number of Applicants	44	123	104	63	49	43	21	14	8	4	2

SECTION TWO

SANITATION

Number and Nature of Inspections made during 1951.

	1950	1951
	Year	
No. of complete housing inspections under the Rural Housing Survey	3	5
No. of detailed inspections made for housing complaints under Rural Housing Survey	228	181
No. of inspections re; drainage of property	298	187
No. of inspections of dirty and verminous premises	46	32
No. of inspections of requisitioned property	18	20
No. of inspections of Council house applications	653	775
No. of interviews with owners and builders	207	122
„ „ inspections re; application for Civil Building Licences	24	55
No. of inspections re; suitability of domestic water supplies	57	91
No. of inspections re: sampling of water supplies	112	72
„ „ „ „ food premises	163	208
„ „ „ „ camps and squatters	122	104
„ „ „ „ ice cream production	47	47
„ „ „ „ tents vans, and sheds	213	260
„ „ „ „ keeping of animals	47	47
„ „ „ „ offensive trades	6	8
„ „ „ „ Factories Act 1937	123	137
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	548	819
„ „ „ „ bakehouses	31	44
„ „ „ „ knackers yard	35	42
„ „ „ „ ditches and streams	23	40
„ „ „ „ under Shops Acts	11	33
„ „ „ „ overcrowding	23	69
„ „ „ „ Milk and Dairies	97	107
„ „ „ „ refuse collection and disposal	315	163
„ „ „ „ Petroleum Acts	49	83
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	79	85
„ „ „ „ miscellaneous unspecified	87	168
„ „ „ „ meat inspection	185	160
„ „ „ „ lodgers	14	37
„ „ „ „ of schools	12	6
„ „ „ „ re; outworkers	16	2
„ „ „ „ licensed premises	—	41
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**PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE
MEASURES OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY**

	No. of properties in Area in which infestation was notified by:			No. of properties treated by Local Authority	No. of inspections made	No. of Notices served under Section 4		Analysis of total no. infested by		
	Occupier	Otherwise discovered	Total			Treat-ment	Work	Rats		Mice only
								Major	Minor	
Councils property ...	9	5	14	14	94	—	—	1	13	—
Dwelling houses ...	44	38	82	82	567	—	—	7	73	2
Business Premises ...	8	—	8	8	97	—	3	5	3	—
Agricultural properties	—	3	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	—
Block treatments ...	6	2	8	58	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sewers ...	—	—	—	5	10	—	—	—	—	—
No. of manholes treated	—	—	—	113	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING POINTS, TAKE ETC., AT AN ANIMAL
RESIDUALS FACTORY TWO MONTHS APPROX.

Bait Point	First Bait	Date 10.11	Replacement of bait				28.11	1.12	7.12	15.12	19.12	25.12	29.12
A.	quantity	16oz.	12.11	16oz.	10oz.	19.11	10oz.	12oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	nil
	take	—	G.	G.	P.	P.	P.	P.	S.	S.	S.	S.	nil
B.	quantity	6oz.	6oz.	6oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	G.	G.	P.	P.	P.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
C.	quantity	6oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	4oz.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
D.	quantity	12oz.	16oz.	8oz.	8oz.	8oz.	6oz.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	G.	P.	P.	P.	P.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
E.	quantity	12oz.	16oz.	10oz.	8oz.	8oz.	6oz.	6oz.	4oz.	4oz.	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	G.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	nil	nil	nil
F.	quantity	6oz.	4oz.	6oz.	6oz.	6oz.	4oz.	nil	4oz.	nil	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	P.	G.	G.	G.	P.	nil	P.	nil	nil	nil	nil
G.	quantity	6oz.	2oz.	2oz.	2oz.	2oz.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	take	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

G.—Good. P.—Part. S—Small.

Rodent Control.

During the year as seen in the table on page 21 a regular routine service was carried out to all rate payers free of charge, with the exception of business premises. In these cases charges are made with regard to labour, travelling expenses, materials, etc.

Treatments were also carried out of all the Council's sewer systems in the proper manner and appropriate times, and success was obtained in the bulk of the treatments.

During the latter part of 1951, after requests had been made, an Anti-blood Coagulant poison, namely "Warfarin" was used. In one case where heavy infestation existed we used the new poison, and a complete clearance was obtained.

Rats seem to take this new poison without fear or prejudice even in the case where other food stuffs are available, and treatments are being carried out very successfully, mice totally eradicated; and in the table on the previous page, is shown the amount of bait laid, and the take on given dates in one heavy infestation.

A further new method was devised in late 1951 by a specially designed rat box to carry the stock of bait, where regular infestations occur, and this method has also proved highly satisfactory.

I am highly satisfied with the new methods adopted with the poison, and I feel there will be a great saving to the ratepayers and greater success with rodent destruction. This will be in further evidence in the 1952 Annual Report.

Vermin, Control of.

Very little action was found necessary with regard to flea, bug or other infestation during the year. As in previous years the work was carried out with proprietary brands of insecticides containing residual D.D.T. or Gammexane.

Regular treatment was carried out at the Council's tips for all forms of insects, on a regular routine basis, to prevent any serious infestation.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

During the year 1951 the Council purchased a new 15 cubic yard Dennis vehicle in addition to the 10 cubic yard Dennis, and Fordson 10 cubic yard, and the staff consists of 3 drivers and 6 other workmen.

The Curbside method of collection is employed, but many suggestions have been made for the carry out collection of same from the doors of the houses, but after serious consideration by the Council this was found to be uneconomical at present day costs.

The same two refuse tips are in use giving good facilities for tipping in all parts of the District. As far as possible approved methods of control are carried out, with particular attention being paid to the larger tip at Wroughton.

Some difficulty has been experienced during the latter part of the year at the Wroughton Tip due to the fact that during the winter the filling in of the area near 13 houses was started, so that by the time the spring came it would be possible to leave a completely covered area at the rear of the houses. This matter is now under discussion with the Council and the Ministry of Health.

DETAILS OF REFUSE COLLECTED

Blunsdon St. Andrew	...	...	442	cubic yards
Bishopstone	...	...	112	" "
Castle Eaton	...	...	72	" "
Chisledon	...	...	880	" "
Hannington	...	...	81	" "
Haydon Wick	...	...	436	" "
Highworth	...	...	1880	" "
Inglesham	...	...	80	" "
Liddington	...	...	109	" "
South Marston	...	...	263	" "
Stanton Fitzwarren	...	...	84	" "
Stratton St. Margaret	...	...	3704	" "
Wanborough	...	...	240	" "
Wroughton	...	...	1552	" "

TOTAL 9935 cubic yards

Salvage Collection and Disposal.

It is pleasing to Report the total for comparison of 1950 and 1951 salvage collection. From this it will be seen that the income from salvage to the Ratepayers over 1950, was over £1,000, which is an asset to the general rate. The bonus paid tot he workmen is 20% over the first income of £100.

Details of Salvage.

				1951			1950		
				Weight		Value	Weight		Value
				T.	C.	Q. lbs.	T.	C.	Q. lbs.
				£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Paper	...	...	...	59	11	— —	870	4	10
Rags	...	...	...	2	8	1 1	81	19	1
Sacking	...	...	...	1	1	— 20	17	18	10
Non Ferrous Metals (other than tin)	...	...	...	—	2	3 11	—	—	2 —
Ferrous metals	...	...	...	8	16	1 —	15	9	11
Tins	...	...	...	4	15	1 —	17	4	—
Battery	...	...	...	—	—	— —	—	3	9
Bottles	...	...	...	366½	doz.	—	16	2	1
TOTAL	...	...	...	76	14	3 4	1035	19	5
							5	13	1 15
									27 7 6

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

As envisaged in previous Annual Reports, and particularly my Report for the year 1949, the number of caravans in the District show a very large increase. In 1949 the number in the District licensed was 21, and in 1951 the number had increased to 67. In the majority of cases the dwellings are of a modern type in construction, and in the main the occupants have shown initiative in providing a home, and the Council in granting licences have taken the attitude that in these days of housing shortage, where public health conditions are satisfactory, granting a licence was the best way of giving persons without a home, assistance. However, in rural areas, valuable agricultural land is slowly but surely being encroached upon, and larger Authorities tend to persuade prospective caravan dwellers to make application to neighbouring rural authorities, thereby still further encroaching on agricultural land.

I feel that the time is overdue for a lead from the Ministry concerning the provisions of adequate caravan sites, properly administered and controlled by each Local Authority, and sufficient for their needs, thereby preventing further absorption of agricultural land under the present method of uncontrolled siting of caravans.

There are two caravan sites, privately owned, licensed by the Council. In both cases the sites are satisfactorily administered.

Details as to the number of caravans at present in use in Parishes are as follows:—

Bishopstone	...	3	Liddington	...	1
Blunsdon	...	13	Stratton	...	25
Chisledon	...	3	South Marston	...	2
Haydon Wick	...	1	Wanborough	...	3
Highworth	...	4	Wroughton	...	5
Inglesham	...	10			

Total All Parishes 67 caravans

NUMBER OF CARAVANS LICENSED

1949	...	...	...	21
1950	...	...	...	46
1951	...	...	...	67

Factories Act, 1937.

During the year 1951, every factory in the Rural District was inspected under the provisions of the Factory Act 1937, and all contraventions or defects notified to the owners. The following shows the number and type of factories in the District.

LIST OF FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT

<i>Type of Work carried out</i>				<i>No.</i>
Aero Manufacturers and repairs	...	...	...	2
Agricultural Crop Drying	...	...	...	3
Bakers and confectioners	...	...	...	14
Blacksmiths	...	...	...	4
Brickmaking	...	...	...	2
Brewing and Aerated waters	...	...	...	1
Boot Repairs	...	...	...	4
Bacon Curer	...	...	...	1
Clock assembly and watch repairs	...	...	...	2
Dental Requisites	...	...	...	1
Electronics	...	...	...	1
Engineering, including motor vehicle repairs	...	...	...	26
Food Canning	...	...	...	1
Founders and Welders	...	...	...	1
Gut Scraper	...	...	...	1
Joinery, woodwork, and undertaking	...	...	...	16
Knackers yard and tallow melting	...	...	...	1
Letter file manufacturer	...	...	...	1
Mat and rug manufacturer	...	...	...	1
Metal Sorting	...	...	...	2
Paper Baling	...	...	...	1
Sausage making	...	...	...	1
Sawmilling	...	...	...	3
Tailoring	...	...	...	2
Upholstering	...	...	...	2
Wheelwrights	...	...	...	1
TOTAL				95

Outworkers.

Only one outworker was notified to this Authority during the year, and two visits were made. The person is carrying out the work of making gloves at home, and on both visits the home conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Shops Act.

During the year every food shop in the District was visited for details and recording of defects, etc., under the new Food Byelaws. There are 110 shops within the District and in general the contraven-

tions of the Byelaws were not serious, and the owners are co-operating in complying with the requests made by the Department.

No. of shops inspected during the year	...	110
No. of informal notices served	...	8
No. of letters or verbal notices made	...	27

Public Houses.

By the early part of 1952 the whole of the public houses in the District will have been inspected, with regard to the provisions of proper sanitary accommodation, hot and cold water supply, cleanliness and general hygienic conditions. As previously reported, in the main there has been good co-operation between the brewers concerned and the Department, and the Brewers are attempting to carry out the works as far as possible.

No. of public houses inspected	...	25
No. of notices served	...	2
No. of informal letters	...	16

Water Supplies.

The bulk of water in the Rural District is supplied by Swindon Borough from supplies on the south and north-west sides of the District at Ogbourne and Latton. Throughout the year water supplies in the Area have been satisfactory both in quality and quantity, and in all cases where there is piped supplies both bacteriological and chemical examinations were made of raw water.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and no action with regard to contamination was necessary.

The following lists give details of all samples taken and the results, and where the owner-occupier has been notified action has been taken where possible to demand the mains water supply by means of a piped supply into the house, under the provisions of the Public Health Act 1936, Section 138.

NUMBER OF WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

Public Supplies.	Bacteriological	...	50
„	Chemical	...	10
Wells	Bacteriological	...	20

DETAILS OF No. OF HOUSES AND ESTIMATED POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC WATER MAINS

Parish	Est. pop.	No. of houses	a. Direct to hse.		b. From Standpipes	
			No. hses.	Est. pop.	No. hses.	Est. pop.
Bishopstone ...	620	191	20	70	8	30
Blunsdon St. Andrew ...	1077	324	160	527	25	86
Castle Eaton ...	255	66	25	98	23	92
Chisledon ...	2120	488	334	1420	6	10
Hannington ...	255	72	30	107	8	28
Haydon Wick ...	455	174	146	382	nil	nil
Highworth ...	3350	918	728	2680	40	134
Inglesham ...	150	47	35	111	nil	nil
Liddington ...	380	110	62	213	25	84
South Marston ...	450	151	95	284	nil	nil
Stanton Fitzwarren ...	160	58	42	105	1	3
Stratton St. Margaret	7642	2077	1983	7336	nil	nil
Wanborough ...	1220	310	220	866	8	36
Wroughton ...	3150	945	816	2741	20	63
TOTAL ...	21244	5931	4696	16940	164	566

REPORT ON SAMPLES OF WATER SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS PUBLIC SUPPLIES.

Where Taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Bacterio- logical
Badbury Wick Cotts. ...	Chisledon	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
17 Station Rd. ...	Chisledon	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
49 Priors Hill ...	Wroughton	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
41 Wharf Rd. ...	Wroughton	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
30 Hyde Rd. ...	Stratton	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Standpipe in Roadway	Liddington	Unsatisfactory	Check sample taken	Yes
Standpipe in Roadway	Liddington	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ham Road Reservoir ...	Wanboro'	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
14 Downs View Rd. ...	Highworth	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Stand Pipe in Roadway	Liddington	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
8 East View Terr. ...	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Council Houses, Priors Hill ...	Wroughton	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
9 Hodson Rd. ...	Chisledon	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
6 Highworth Rd. ...	S. Marston	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Lilac Cott., Groundwell Rd. ...	Blunsdon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Mill Cott., Badbury ...	Chisledon	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
1 High St. ...	H. Wick	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Whatley Farm House, Badbury ...	Chisledon	Unsatisfactory	Check sample taken	Yes
Mill Cott., Badbury ...	Chisledon	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Whatley Farm House, Badbury ...	Chisledon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
5 Ermin St. ...	Blunsdon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
178 Kingsdown Rd. ...	Stratton	Unsatisfactory	Check sample taken	Yes
51 Highworth Rd. ...	Stratton	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
178 Kingsdown Rd. ...	Stratton	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
College Cotts. ...	Inglesham	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Standpipe on roadside...	Hannington	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
34 The Street ...	S. Fitzwarren	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
1 Highworth Rd. ...	S. Marston	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Redlands House ...	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
88 Ermin St. ...	Stratton	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Unsatisfactory	Check sample	Yes
1 Highworth Rd. ...	S. Marston	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Infants School ...	Stratton	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Green Gate, Ham Rd.	Wanboro'	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Unsatisfactory	Check sample	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Suspicious	Check sample	Yes
Green View, High St.	Wanboro'	Suspicious	Check sample	Yes
Post Office, High St. ...	Wanboro'	Suspicious	Check sample	Yes
The Rose & Crown ...	Highworth	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Yew Tree Dairy ...	Wanboro'	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ambrose Cott. ...	Wanboro'	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
17 Cowleaze Cres. ...	Wroughton	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
1 High St. ...	H. Wick	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
The Street ...	Castle Eaton	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
2 New Council Houses	Blunsdon	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes

Where Taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Chemical
Ham Rd. Reservoir ...	Wanboro'	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
14 Downs View Rd. ...	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
178 Kingsdown Rd. ...	Stratton	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
1 Draycott Close ...	Chisledon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
3 New Council Houses	Blunsdon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Gadbourne Waterworks	Wroughton	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Ham Rd. Reservoir ...	Wanboro'	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
5 Wroughton Hall ...	Wroughton	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
16 Downs View Rd. ...	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes

PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

Where Taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Bacterio- logical
The Street, Sevenhampton	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
18 to 20 Hodson ...	Chisledon	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Bellingham Farm, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Highly Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Sevenhampton Farm ...	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Hill Farm, Sevenhampton	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Roves Farm, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Stand pipe, Foxhill ...	Wanboro'	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Standpipe, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
2 Ridgeway Cotts., Foxhill ...	Wanboro'	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
The Rails ...	Bishopstone	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupier notified	Yes
The Rails ...	Bishopstone	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupier notified	Yes
The Reservoir ...	Bishopstone	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Standpipe, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Highly satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Where Taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Chemical
Standpipe, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes
Standpipe, Sevenhampton ...	Highworth	Satisfactory	Nil	Yes

REPORT ON SAMPLES OF WATER SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS

INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES.

Where Taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Bacterio-logical
Near 5 Hyde Rd. ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Springfield House, Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Thatched Cott., Hyde Rd. ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Cott (in field) Hyde Rd.	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Lancasters Cott., Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
"Osmanton", Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
"Tucks Cott.," Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
2 Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
4 & 5 Kingsdown Lane	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Lilac Cott., Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Birds Cott., Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Kiama, Kingsdown Lane	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Eldswin, Kingsdown Lane ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Rose Cott., Hyde Rd.	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
124 Beechcroft Rd. ...	Stratton	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
16 St. Phillips Rd. ...	Stratton	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Hyde Farm (3 samples)	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
15 Dores Rd. ...	Stratton	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes
Where taken	Parish	Result	Action Taken	Chemical
Nr. 5 Hyde Rd. ...	Blunsdon	Unsatisfactory	Owner/Occupiers notified	Yes

DETAILS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF WATER SUPPLIES

Ham Road, Wanborough, Supply.

Appearance. Clear and colourless.

Reaction pH 7.2

Free chlorine. Absent.

Parts per 100,000

Free and Saline Ammonia	...	...	less than .001
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	less than .001
Chlorine (as chlorides)	...	...	1.1
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	1.8
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	...	...	0.021
Nitrite	...	...	very faint trace.
Nitrogen in nitrite and nitrate	...	...	0.25
Total solids	...	...	36.5
Loss on ignition	...	...	3.7
Appearance on ignition	...	...	extremely slight darkening.
Hardness: temporary	...	...	24.7
permanent	...	...	2.4
Total	...	...	27.1
Lead, copper and zinc	...	...	absent.

Sevenhampton Supply.

Appearance. Cloudy with reddish precipitate.

Reaction pH 7.18

Parts per 100,000

Free Carbon dioxide	...	...	5.2
Albuminoid ammonia	...	...	0.004
Free and saline ammonia	...	...	0.006
Chlorine (as chlorides)	...	...	2.1
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	3.5
Oxygen absorbed. (4 hours)	...	...	.005
Nitrite	...	...	absent.
Nitrogen in nitrite and nitrate	...	...	0.02
Total solids	...	...	53.0
Loss on ignition	...	...	2.0
Appearance on ignition	...	...	very slight charring.
Hardness: temporary	...	...	34.8
permanent	...	...	6.0
Total	...	...	40.8
Iron in solution apart from rusty deposit			0.006

Gadbourne Supply.

Appearance. Clear, colourless. No sediment. **Reaction** pH 7.4

			Parts per 100,000
Free carbon dioxide	...	...	2.2
Total solids	...	...	47.0
Loss on ignition	...	...	2.5
Appearance on ignition	...	...	Faint charring
Chlorine (as chlorides)	...	...	1.1
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	1.8
Sulphate S.O.3	...	...	1.9
Hardness (all temporary)	...	...	22.6

This water contains about 11 parts per 100,000 of sodium carbonate, and a smaller amount of sodium sulphate.

Latton Supply.

Appearance. Slightly cloudy. Gives no smell even on warming. Tends to deposit film of calcium carbonate in bottle. **Reaction** pH 7.5

			Parts per 100,000
Free chlorine and sulphide	...	...	absent.
Free and saline ammonia	...	...	less than .001
Albuminoid ammonia	...	...	0.002
Chlorine (as chlorides)	...	...	2.5
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	4.1
Oxygen absorbed (5 minutes)	...	...	0.014
„ „ (4 hours)	...	...	0.022
Nitrite	...	...	very slight trace.
Nitrogen in nitrite and nitrate	...	...	0.02
Total solids	...	...	39.5
Loss on ignition	...	...	2.5
Appearance on ignition	...	...	no charring.
Total hardness (all temporary)	...	...	21.0
Lead and copper	...	...	absent.
Iron	...	...	0.06

Ogbourne Supply.

Appearance. Clear and colourless.

Reaction pH 6.9

Parts per 100,000

Free carbon dioxide	...	...	5.7
Total solids	...	...	44.7
Loss on ignition	...	...	1.8
Appearance on ignition	...	...	slight charring.
Chlorine (as chorides)	...	...	1.3
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	2.1
Sulphate S.O.3	...	...	1.7
Hardness: temporary	...	...	31.2
permanent	...	...	3.8
Total			35.0
Lead	...	...	absent.
Copper—trace about 0.02 per 100,000			

Ashton Keynes Supply.

Appearance. Clear and colourless.

Reaction pH 7.2

Parts per 100,000

Free carbon dioxide	...	...	2.0
Free and saline ammonia	...	...	less than 0.001
Albuminoid (as chlorides)	...	...	less than 0.001
Chlorine (as chorides)	...	...	1.7
equivalent to sodium chloride	...	...	2.8
Oxygen absorbed. (4 hours)	...	...	0.013
Nitrite	...	...	absent.
Nitrate	...	...	0.07
Total solids	...	...	34.5
Loss on ignition	...	...	2.5
Appearance on ignition	...	...	very slight charring.
Hardness: temporary	...	...	25.0
permanent	...	...	3.3
Total			28.3
Lead and copper	...	...	absent.

WATER SUPPLIES GENERALLY.

It is interesting to note that water taken through the meter at Blunsdon is increasing year by year. The amount of water taken daily is approximately 131,000 gallons as compared with 84,000 gallons in 1947. The increase is due to two factors, the first being the new properties erected with modern appliances, and secondly additional water is taken by the farmers due to changeover to attested milk production where pure and wholesome water is essential.

During the year a water main has been laid from the 8" main near the Cold Harbour Public House in Ermin Street along Groundwell Road, Hyde Road, and Kingsdown Road, and practically all the properties are now connected to same and are able to obtain a wholesome supply of water, the previous supply being from polluted wells.

A 1½" service pipe has been laid to Wanborough Marsh to enable the Marsh Farm and the properties in this area to have a piped supply.

It has been necessary to fix a new pump at the Waterworks at Ham Road, Wanborough, and advantage was taken of installing one of slightly larger capacity in view of the increased demand in this area.

During the year supplies have been maintained without difficulty, and apart from the usual burst mains the water supply has been constant throughout.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

During the year the Council's Engineer was instructed to prepare a scheme for the re-drainage of Stratton St. Margaret which has become necessary in view of the existing sewers being inadequate to receive drainage from the new properties being erected within the Parish. This scheme has been submitted to the Ministry. The scheme is likely to cost over £100,000 and is one of urgency in view of the housing requirements of this Parish.

During the year it has been found exceedingly difficult to carry out full treatment of the sewage at these works owing to the excessive flow being received at same, and flooding of the Works and also part of the District occurs during storms, which flooding will increase until such times as the new scheme referred to above is carried out.

A scheme was prepared for the re-sewering of Highworth and a link sewer to bypass Eastrop Sewage Works and for the dealing with the sewage at Westrop Sewage Works. Owing to the Government's economy policy the scheme was cut, leaving only the link sewer and one settling tank to be constructed and during the year the link sewer was laid.

Plans have been prepared by the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council for the erection of public conveniences at Highworth, Stratton St. Margaret, and Wroughton, but it has not been possible to put the work in hand owing to Government restriction of capital expenditure.

Plans have been prepared by the Engineer for a garage and Depot to be used by the refuse vehicles and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval, but again owing to restriction of capital expenditure it has not been possible to proceed with the erection of same.

SECTION THREE.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

As reported in the 1950 Annual Report a complete inspection has been made of all food premises situated in the Rural District, and for this purpose 181 inspections were carried out. The number of food premises and other details are submitted in table form on the following page.

The general standard of food premises in the District was found to be generally speaking, good, and complied in the main with the Food Byelaws. Where any low standard existed or any contraventions of the Byelaws were found this was drawn to the attention of the tenant of the premises concerned by letter, and improvements are being carried out.

No. of food premises inspected	...	...	127
No. of visits made	...	...	181
No. of verbal notices	...	...	27
No. of informal notices served	...	...	11

St. Margaret's Bacon Factory, Stratton St. Margaret.

The number of pigs slaughtered at the Bacon Factory showed a further increase over 1950, and it is envisaged that there will be a still further increase during 1952.

The methods of slaughter, and co-operation with the Management continue to give satisfaction.

SUMMARY OF FOOD PREMISES, DECEMBER 1951.

	Bishopstone	Blunsdon	Castle Eaton	Chisledon	Hannington	Haydon Wick	Highworth	Inglesham	Liddington	South Marston	Stanton Fitz.	Stratton	Wanborough	Wroughton	Total
Bakers ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	1	2	13
Butchers ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	12
Transport Cafe ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Cafe ...	—	2	—	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	7
Chemists ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Fish, Chips, Wet Fish ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	6
General Provisions ...	1	4	1	5	1	2	11	1	1	1	1	23	3	13	68
Sweets, Confectionery, Ice Cream ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	10
Works & Canteens ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3
School Meals Cooking Dept. ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hostels ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Green-Grocers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
TOTAL ...	3	7	1	11	1	4	25	1	1	3	1	42	5	22	127

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
No. killed ...	1	—	—	—	6,901
No. inspected ...	1	—	—	—	6,901
<i>All diseases except T.B.</i>					
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	—	—	—	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	917
Per cent of no. inspec- ted affected with dis- ease other than Tuber- culosis ...	100%	—	—	—	13.3%
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses con- demned ...	—	—	—	—	11
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	284
Per cent of no. inspec- ted affected with Tu- berculosis ...	—	—	—	—	4.2%

UN SOUND FOOD (at the Bacon Factory)

14 pigs carcasses (& all offal),	27 pigs spleens,
220 pigs heads,	2 complete sets offal
338 pigs livers,	105 pigs plucks,
315 pigs kidneys,	116 pigs guts,
116 pigs hearts,	18 pigs part carcasses (weight 338 lbs.)
2 pigs mesenteries,	613 sets lungs
5 pigs flanks (30 lbs.)	32 lbs. bacon.

During the year under review the following was also found to be unfit for human consumption, and surrender notes issued.

120 lbs. cooked rabbit,	6 jars Apricots,
2 cwts. Soya Flour,	24 jars Fruit Salad,
47½ lbs. bacon,	31¾ lbs. cheese,
3 parts hindquarters beef,	16½ tins various food,
400 lbs.	1 beasts udder,
1 set beasts guts,	2 beasts flanks.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

The number of licensed slaughtermen in the District at 31st December, 1951 was 26, and as reported in previous reports, in addition to the St. Margarets Bacon Factory, 5 other slaughter houses suitably situated in the District are licensed for the slaughter of cottagers pigs only, and upon renewal of these licences the premises are inspected and the necessary works carried out.

Milk and Dairies.

Number of dairies registered	...	...	6
Number of Distributors	...	...	39
Number of producer retailers	...	...	30

Milk Special Designations.

Number of T.T. Dealers licences	...	...	6
Number of Pasteurised Dealers licences	...	...	3
Number of Supplementary T.T. Dealers licences	...	...	2
Number of Supplementary Pasteurised Dealers licences	2

Milk Sampling.

Number of milk samples taken	29
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TESTS CARRIED OUT

Type of milk	Tests carried out	Result	Action
Ordinary ...	5 Biological	All satisfactory	—
Ordinary ...	2 Methylene Blue	2 Unsatisfactory	Notified to dealer
Tuberculin Tested	8 Biological	All satisfactory	—
Tuberculin Tested	3 Methylene Blue	All satisfactory	—
Pasteurised ...	5 Phosphatase	4 satisfactory	—
		1 Unsatisfactory	Notified to dealer
Pasteurised ...	3 Methylene Blue	All satisfactory	—
Pasteurised ...	3 Biological	All satisfactory	—

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